

County Board Finance & Audit Committee

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Supervisor Johnny L. Thomas, Vice-Chair Supervisor James "Luigi" Schmitt Supervisor Peggy A. West

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COUNTY BOARD 2011 BUDGET BLAST: OCTOBER 27, 2010

Milwaukee, WI – The Milwaukee County Board's Finance & Audit Committee is holding a series of public meetings throughout October on the <u>County Executive's 2011 Recommended Budget</u>. Each day, the Committee votes on a number of specific departments and items in the budget.



Finance & Audit Committee Budget Meeting from Courthouse Room 203-R

Today, the Committee **voted to approve** the following budget items:

- 5-2 as amended (No: Thomas, Mayo) Office of the Sheriff
 - O Amendment approved 7-0 to renegotiate the Farm and Fish Hatchery lease with the Hunger Task Force and create one position of Fish Hatchery Coordinator in the Parks Department to oversee the operation.
 - Amendment approved 5-2 (No: Mayo, Schmitt) to maintain the Criminal Justice Resource Center in 2011 and place it under the operational and administrative authority of the Chief Judge.
- 6-1 (No: Mayo) Combined Court Related Operations
- 6-1 as amended (No: Mayo) Courts-Pre Trial Services
 - o Amendment approved 5-2 (No: Mayo, Schmitt) to allocate \$250,000 to allow the implementation of a pilot Universal Screening program.
- 6-1 (No: Mayo) DTPW-Airport
- 6-1 (No: Mayo) DTPW-Highway Maintenance
 - Amendment approved 5-2 (No: Schmitt, Jursik) to unfund rather than abolish 5.4 FTE Highway
 Maintenance Worker 1 positions
- 6-1 (No: Mayo) DTPW-Fleet Management

- 6-1 (No: Mayo) DTPW-Facilities Management
 - Amendment approved 7-0 to examine the current parking availability and meeting space for visitors to the Department of Family Care.
- 6-1 (No: Thomas) DTPW-Director's Office
- 6-1 (No: Mayo) DTPW-Transit/Paratransit
 - o Amendment approved 6-1 (No: Mayo) to eliminate Flyer Routes 45, 47 and 39 due to low ridership and keep all remaining routes at current 2010 levels, also using \$1,276,000 in capitalized maintenance funding form the "State of Good Repair" federal grant is utilized to help offset these costs of operation in 2011. Also calls for the Milwaukee County Long Range Strategic Planning Committee to study and review the space needs of the County and make recommendations to the County Board.
 - Amendment approved 7-0 to conduct a study on the feasibility of relocating the Route 80 bus line located at General Mitchell International Airport to a more readily noticed and easily accessed area for passenger convenience.
- 7-0 Unclaimed Money
- 5-2 (No: Thomas, Mayo) Land Sales
- 7-0 Technical Corrections to the Budget

Capital Improvement Budget

The Committee voted to approve the following Capital Improvement items:

- 6-1 as amended (No: Mayo) Bus Rapid Transit
 - o Amendment approved 5-2 (No: Mayo, West) to eliminate the Bus Rapid Transit program
- 5-2 (Thomas, Mayo) Countywide Infrastructure Improvements
- 7-0 Inventory & Assessment of County Buildings

The next meeting is scheduled for 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 28 in Room 203-R of the Milwaukee County Courthouse.

Click here to access the 2011 County Budget meeting schedule

Click here to listen to live audio from the meetings (available while meetings are in progress)

The County Board of Supervisors, under the leadership of Chairman Lee Holloway, will adopt the County's 2011 Budget on Monday, November 8 at 8:30 a.m. in Room 200 of the Milwaukee County Courthouse.

The County Board's annual Public Hearing on the 2011 Budget is scheduled for 7 p.m. Monday, November 1 at the Washington Park Senior Center.